

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMERCIAL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most commercial crops with the exception of sugarcane will touch new heights in domestic production during 2001-02;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether coarse cereals too have gone up impressively in production alongside staple grain rice and wheat; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): According to the Third Advance Estimates as on 5.4.2002, the production of nine oilseeds, cotton, jute & mesta as also that of rice, wheat and coarse cereals in 2001-02 is expected to be higher compared to 2000-01 as is evident from the table given below:

(million tonnes)

Crop	2000-01	2001-02
Nine Oilseeds+	18.40	21.16
Cotton #	9.65	11.30
Jute & Mesta ##	10.48	10.68
Rice	84.87	90.75
Wheat	68.76	73.53
Maize @	12.07	13.18
Coarse Cereals	31.62	33.10

+ Includes groundnut, castorseed, sesamum, nigerseed, rapeseed & mustard, linseed, safflower, sunflower and soyabean

Million bales of 170 kgs. each

Million bales of 180 kgs. each

@ Included in coarse cereals

While the production of maize and rice in 2001-02 is expected to touch a new height, higher production than that expected this year in respect of other crops listed above, has been recorded, in earlier years.